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Office Action Summary

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Examiner
Cao (Kevin) Nguyen

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on Oct 23, 2000
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11; 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above, claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claims _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on Oct 23, 2000 is/are a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____ application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
*See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgement is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

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DETAILED ACTION

Specification

1. Claims 16-20 are objected to because of the following informalities: The phrase "Storage media that stores software" should be changed to "Computer readable-medium..". Appropriate correction is required.

~~Claim Rejections--35 USC § 103~~

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

This application currently names joint inventors. In considering patentability of the claims under 35 U.S.C. 103(a), the examiner presumes that the subject matter of the various claims was commonly owned at the time any inventions covered therein were made absent any evidence to the contrary. Applicant is advised of the obligation under 37 CFR 1.56 to point out the inventor and invention dates of each claim that was not commonly owned at the time a later invention was made in order for the examiner to consider the applicability of 35 U.S.C. 103© and potential 35 U.S.C. 102(e), (f) or (g) prior art under 35 U.S.C. 103(a).

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3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Gentner (US Patent No. 5,724,595) in view of McMillan (US Patent No. 6,008,811).

Regarding claims 1 and 8, Gentner discloses a method for printing a URL page by a computing system, comprising the following steps: (a) when a reference to a URL address is dragged and dropped upon a print icon performing the following substeps (see col. 3, lines 27-65) (a. 1); and (a.1) and substep (a.2) are performed without displaying the URL page to a user of the computing system accessing the URL page from an Internet network (see col. 2, lines 16-57); however, Gentner fails to explicitly teach printing the URL page on a printer.

McMillan teaches when a reference to a URL address is dragged and dropped upon a print icon performing the following substeps (see col. 3, lines 6-50). It would have been obvious to one of an ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide when a reference to a URL address is dragged and dropped upon a print icon performing as taught by McMillan to the simple system for creating hypertext links in order to enhance a printing user friendly.

Regarding claim 2, McMillan discloses wherein substep (a.2) includes the following substeps: when the URL page is unchanged from a time when the URL page was previously printed by the computing system, so notifying the user of the computing system and giving the user of the computing system an opportunity to cancel printing.(see col. 5, lines 1-37).

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Regarding claim 3, Gentner discloses wherein in substep (a. 1) the reference to the URL address is dragged from a subscription list available as part of a resource utilized by a print delivery Internet site (see col. 5, lines 6-55).

Regarding claims 4-7, Gentner discloses wherein in substep (a. 1) the reference to the URL address is dragged from URL addresses listed in a file (see figures 2-3).

As claims 9 are analyzed as previously discussed with respected to claims 1-8 above.

4. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. (see PTO-892).

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6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Cao (Kevin) Nguyen whose telephone number is (703) 305-3972. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:30 am to 6:00 pm. ★

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John W. Cabeca, can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax number for this group is (703) 746-7240.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.


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PRIMARY EXAMINER

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